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Death and disability benefits

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The information contained in the annex to the present note is submitted pursuant to paragraphs 16 and 17 of General Assembly resolution 51/239 A of 17 June 1997, in which the Assembly noted that, as at 19 May 1997, a backlog of 564 death and disability claims awaited processing and requested the Secretary-General to submit to the Assembly quarterly written reports on the progress made in clearing the backlog.

2. The first quarterly report, dated 28 October 1997 (A/52/538), presented information relating to death and disability incidents occurring up to and including 30 June 1997, indicating the total number of claims from the backlog that had been received since 19 May 1997, as well as the number of claims processed as at 30 September 1997. The second quarterly report provided updated information as at 31 December 1997 (A/C.5/52/37), while the third quarterly report presented updated information as at 31 March 1998 (A/C.5/52/50). The fourth quarterly report provided updated information as at 30 June 1998 (A/C.5/53/16). The most recent update was provided in the fifth quarterly report which presented information as at 30 September 1998 (A/C.5/53/17 and Corr.1).

3. The present document constitutes the sixth quarterly report. The information presented in the attached annex indicates the total number of claims received from troop-contributing countries as at 31 December 1998, identifying the number of claims received since 19 May 1997. This information is presented by country (table A) and by peacekeeping operation (table B). A comparison of the total number of incidents of death and disability reported by peacekeeping operations as at 31 December 1998 and the related number of claims submitted to the Secretariat is presented in table C.

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4. It should be recalled that, as was reflected in the fifth quarterly report, a total number of 147 claims were awaiting processing as at 30 September 1998. As at 31 December 1998, the total number of claims awaiting processing stands at 208. Of this total, 63 claims constitute part of the backlog as they were received prior to 19 May 1997. The remaining 145 claims were received in the period following 19 May 1997. A total of 104 claims were received by the Secretariat during the period 1 September through 31 December 1998, which greatly contributed to the increase in the number of unprocessed claims.

Annex

A. Death and disability claims backlog report for incidents occurring up to and including 30 June 1997 as at 31 December 1998 (by country)

Country	*Claims received prior to 19 May 1997*	*Claims received after 19 May 1997*	*Claims processed from 19 May 1997 to 31 December 1998*[a]	*Total claims awaiting processing*
Argentina	9	2	11	—
Austria	35	14	24	25
Bangladesh	27	—	—	27
Belgium	—	48	48	—
Brazil	—	3	1	2
Bulgaria	41	19	60	—
Canada	12	34	26	20
Czech Republic	7	—	7	—
Denmark	—	22	11	11
Egypt	42	5	47	—
Fiji	26	—	26	—
Finland	1	39	39	1
France	107	219	319	7
Germany	3	—	2	1
Indonesia	8	—	6	2
Ireland	37	33	69	1
Italy	56	13	69	—
Jordan	3	266	244	25
Malawi	—	6	6	—
Malaysia	—	36	2	34
Nepal	—	12	12	—
Netherlands	—	3	3	—
Pakistan	1	7	8	—
Poland	64	76	127	13
Russian Federation	11	—	6	5
Senegal	1	1	2	—
Slovakia	6	1	7	—
Spain	10	2	12	—
Thailand	2	1	2	1
Tunisia	2	2	2	2
Turkey	3	—	3	—

Country	Claims received prior to 19 May 1997	Claims received after 19 May 1997	Claims processed from 19 May 1997 to 31 December 1998[a]	Total claims awaiting processing
Ukraine	9	41	44	6
United Arab Emirates	—	3	—	3
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	23	—	2	21
Uruguay	2	3	4	1
Zimbabwe	16	—	16	—
Total	**564**	**911**	**1 267**	**208**

[a] Including claims that have been approved for payment and those that have been rejected.

B. Death and disability claims backlog report for incidents occurring up to and including 30 June 1997 as at 31 December 1998 (by peacekeeping operation)

Mission	Claims received prior to 19 May 1997	Claims received after 19 May 1997	Claims processed from 19 May 1997 to 31 December 1998[b]	Total claims awaiting processing
ONUMOZ	4	1	2	3
UNAMIR	3	26	27	2
UNAVEM	—	7	3	4
UNCRO	—	2	1	1
UNDOF	30	39	44	25
UNFICYP	9	3	9	3
UNIFIL	140	132	268	4
UNIKOM	2	4	2	4
UNMIH	2	1	1	2
UNOSOM	104	62	128	38
UNPREDEP	—	11	11	—
UNPROFOR	178	518	597	99
UNTAC	89	50	126	13
UNTAES	—	54	44	10
UNTAG	3	1	4	—
Total	**564**	**911**	**1 267**	**208**

[b] Including claims that have been approved for payment and those that have been rejected.

C. Total number of death and disability incidents reported and claims submitted for incidents occurring up to and including 30 June 1997 as at 31 December 1998 (by peacekeeping operation)

	Death		*Disability*		*Total*	
Mission	*Incidents reported*	*Claims*	*Incidents reported*	*Claims*	*Incidents reported*	*Claims*
ONUMOZ	21	10	51	3	72	13
MINURSO	3	—	8	—	11	—
UNAMIR	22	18	50	15	72	33
UNAVEM	31	5	56	2	87	7
UNCRO	17	—	54	2	71	2
UNDOF	38	8	415	114	453	122
UNFICYP	162	3	87	16	249	19
UNIFIL	225	56	1 157	308	1 382	364
UNIKOM	8	5	29	1	37	6
UNMIH	5	4	14	3	19	7
UNOSOM	151	103	423	209	574	312
UNPREDEP	3	3	12	8	15	11
UNPROFOR	232	143	1 501	590	1 733	733
UNTAC	41	50	53	121	94	171
UNTAES	9	1	63	53	72	54
UNTAG	11	3	30	1	41	4
Total	**979**	**412**	**4 003**	**1 446**	**4 982**	**1 858**